



GEORGES HALL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Next Week's Rule: Courtesy to Others

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back after the school holidays I trust all had an enjoyable and safe holiday. The staff at Georges Hall engaged in a productive professional learning day on Monday 27 July, covering Gifted and Talented Education, Anaphylaxis, Emergency Care and cooperative planning.

Term 3 is another busy term so please read the newsletter weekly for updates and further information on events. Some of the activities this term are: Kinder going to the Zoo 31/07/09; Premier's Spelling Bee; Athletics Carnival on 12/08/09; Year 2 Excursion to the Art Gallery 13/08/09; Lab on Legs – coming to the school in week 4; Canberra excursion for stage 3 in week 5; Book Week/Book Parade 01/09/09; Gillawarna Performance; Kinder 2010 playgroup starting in week 8; Life Education for Kinder in week 8; Sports/Special groups photographs 28/09/09; and the Creative Arts Performance Evening on 30/09/09.

STAFF

We farewelled Mrs Price last term as she went on maternity leave and we welcome back Mrs Grounds from her maternity leave. Mrs Hartzenberg is also on leave for the rest of the year.

UPDATE ON INFLUENZA

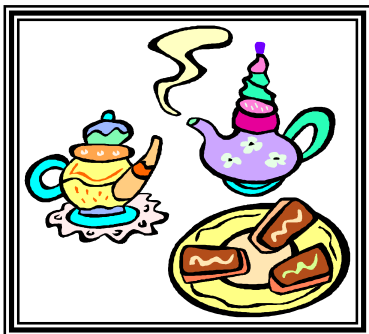
We continue to operate in the 'protect' phase of management of the swine flu as advised by the Department of Education and Training. The 'protect' phase aims to ensure that people at increased risk of complications from flu are treated early to try to prevent severe illness from developing and to help control institutional outbreaks.

The most important message is this: any person with flu symptoms should stay away from school or work until they are well.

Symptoms of flu include fever, chills, sore throat, cough, unusual tiredness, muscle aches and sometimes, vomiting and diarrhoea.

We continue to support good hygiene at school with encouraging hand washing or sanitizing and by making arrangements for students who are unwell to be collected by their parents and carers and taken home. Please contact the school if your child's emergency contact details need updating, to ensure the wellbeing of your child.

Genelle Goldfinch
Relieving Principal



"First Mondays" -Morning Tea for Parents

You are warmly invited to join with other GHPS parents for a morning tea on Monday August 3 At 9.30am In the staffroom.

We hope this morning tea will be a chance to meet other parents, find out what is happening in our school, and talk with each other in a relaxed and informal setting.

"First Mondays" parent morning teas will be held on the first Monday of every month during term time.

Morning Tea will be provided, please bring \$2.00 to cover costs.

Preschoolers are very welcome - toys will be provided.

The next "First Mondays" morning tea will be held on September 7.



LIBRARY IN TERM 3

Parades, Book Fair and Challenges!

Term three in the library will be very exciting: with a book fair, Book Week Character Parade & the closing of the 2009 Premier's Reading Challenge. Our annual book fair together with our K-2 character parade dress-up will be held to coincide with Book Week, when the winners of Children's Book Council Awards are announced.

A full listing of these books can be found on the website: www.cbc.org.au.

To celebrate Book Week, K to 2 classes will be invited to participate in a Book Week Character Parade, dressing as their favourite book character. Years 3 to 6 will be involved in a "Decorate Your Classroom Door" competition, run by classroom teachers.

Premier's Reading Challenge:

Due 14 August 2009



A reminder for those students participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. To participate in The Challenge in 2009, students and parents need to:

1. Access our Premier's Reading Challenge information site on the school website at: www.georgeshalp.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc.htm;
2. Read the rules of The Challenge;
3. Print a Reading Log from the website above **OR** students can log on to the DET student portal using their DET username and password and electronically enter their reading log;
4. Continually read books from the online booklists (30 for K-2, 20 for 3-6);
5. Submit the completed reading log, signed, to the school library by August 14 2009.

The reading log is kept for school records. For any further information, please contact Sarah Hunt (teacher librarian).

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR & BOOK WEEK PARADE: 1 September

Our Book Fair, supplied by Carnival Books this year, will be held in Week 6 of Term 3, on **Tuesday 1 September** from 9:30am.

Students and teachers will again be given the opportunity to browse the latest releases and create a "Wish List" in the week leading up to the Fair.

Events for Tuesday 1 September 2009

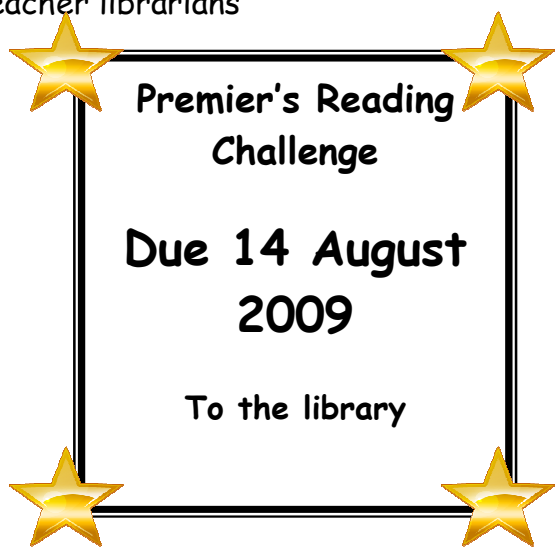
9:30-10:30 Parents welcome into the Library for Book Fair

10:30-11:15 K-2 Book Week Parade, with 3-6 and parents in attendance

11:15 Recess & Classes resume as usual

We look forward to seeing friends and family at the book fair and parade, supporting our students' reading journey! Please consider donating a book to our library or your child's classroom.

Sarah Hunt/Margaret Hamilton
Teacher librarians



KINDERGARTEN ITALIAN NEWS



It's always exciting starting a new language, and I would like to encourage kindergarten to practice at home. Please ask your children about how to say different parts of the body or the colours in Italian:

Rosso (red)
Giallo (yellow)
Verde (green)
Rosa (pink)
Grigio (grey)
Viola (purple)

Bianco (white)
Nero (black)
Blu (blue)
Arancione (orange)
Marrone (brown)

Kindergarten has learnt a song for the following parts of the body:

Occhi (eyes)
Naso (nose)
Bocca (mouth)
Mani (hands)
Gambe (legs)

This term, students will be learning numbers up to ten in Italian.

Grazie
Signora Pallotta

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

**The uniform shop is open every
Wednesday from 8:30am – 10:00am and
Friday 9:00am-10:00am**

SPORT

THIS WEEK'S DRAW – **WINTER SPORT**

TERM 3

WEEK 1

SPORT	AGAINST	VENUE	TIME
Netball A	Birrong	Deverall Park	1:00pm
Netball B	St Euphemia	Deverall Park	1:00pm
Touch Football Green	Birrong	O'Neill	1:00pm
Touch Football Gold	Chester Hill	O'Neill	1:00pm
Girls Newcomeball	Birrong	Birrong	1:00pm
Boys Newcomeball	Bankstown	Bankstown	1:00pm
Girls Soccer	Chullora	Neville Reserve	1:00pm
Boys Soccer	Banksia Rd	The Crest	1:00pm
Tennis	N/A	Coleman Tennis Courts	1:00pm